3. (Currently Amended) The ~~mobile~~ alarm system component of claim 2, wherein the means for performing an alarm indication function includes means for generating an audible alarm indication based on signals received from the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~mobile~~ alarm system component of claim 2, the passenger vehicle having a first and a second compartment where the compartments are physically separated and wherein the means for wirelessly receiving signals from a ~~mobile~~ alarm controller is fixably located within the first compartment of the passenger vehicle and the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller is fixably located in the second compartment.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~mobile~~ alarm system component of claim 5, wherein the first compartment is an engine compartment.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~mobile~~ alarm system component of claim 6, wherein the second compartment is a passenger compartment.

8. (Currently Amended) An ~~mobile~~ alarm system fixably located within a passenger vehicle, the system comprising:

an ~~mobile~~ alarm controller fixably located within the passenger vehicle operable to enable wireless data communications; and

an ~~mobile~~ alarm component fixably located within the passenger vehicle operable to enable wireless data communications with the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller, the alarm component including a processor operable to perform an alarm indication function based upon signals received from the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~mobile~~ alarm system of claim 8, wherein the alarm component processor is operable to perform an alarm indication function when a signal has not been received from the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller for a predetermined time interval.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~mobile~~ alarm system of claim 8, wherein the alarm component processor is operable to cause the generation of an audible alarm indication based on signals received from the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~mobile~~ alarm system of claim 8, the passenger vehicle having a first and a second compartment where the compartments are physically separated and wherein the ~~mobile~~ alarm component is fixably located within the first compartment of the passenger vehicle and the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller is fixably located in the second compartment.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~mobile~~ alarm system of claim 11, wherein the first compartment is an engine compartment.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~mobile~~ alarm system component of claim 12, wherein the second compartment is a passenger compartment.

14. (Currently Amended) An ~~mobile~~ alarm system component method, the ~~mobile~~ alarm system component fixably located within a passenger vehicle, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

a) wirelessly receiving signals from an ~~mobile~~ alarm controller fixably located within the passenger vehicle; and

b) performing an alarm indication function based on signals received from the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~mobile~~ alarm system component method of claim 14, wherein ~~step~~ b) includes performing an alarm indication function when a signal has not been received from the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller for a predetermined time interval.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~mobile~~ alarm system component method of claim 14, wherein ~~step~~ b) includes generating an audible alarm indication based on signals received from the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller.

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Currently Amended) The ~~mobile~~ alarm system component method of claim 14, the passenger vehicle having a first and a second compartment where the compartments are physically separated and wherein the ~~mobile~~ alarm component is fixably located within the first compartment of the passenger vehicle and the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller is fixably located within the second compartment.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~mobile~~ alarm system component method of claim 18, wherein the first compartment is an engine compartment.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~mobile~~ alarm system component method of claim 19, wherein the second compartment is a passenger compartment.

21. A method of installing an ~~mobile~~ alarm system within a passenger vehicle, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

a) fixably installing in the passenger vehicle an ~~mobile~~ alarm controller operable to enable wireless data communications in the passenger vehicle; and

b) fixably installing in the passenger vehicle an ~~mobile~~ alarm component operable to enable wireless data communications with the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller, the component including a processor operable to perform an alarm indication function based upon signals received from the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the alarm component ~~processor~~ is operable to perform an alarm indication function when a signal has not been received from the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller for a predetermined time interval.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein the alarm component ~~processor~~ is operable to cause the generation of an audible alarm indication based on signals received from the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller.

24. The method of claim 22, the passenger vehicle having a first and a second compartment where the compartments are physically separated and wherein ~~step~~ a) includes fixably installing the ~~mobile~~ alarm component within the first compartment of the passenger vehicle and ~~step~~ b) includes fixably installing the ~~mobile~~ alarm controller in the second compartment.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein the first compartment is an engine compartment.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein the second compartment is a passenger compartment.